**Literature Books**

1. **“On That Day: A Book of Hope for Children”**

By: Andrea Patel

This book addresses the attacks of September 11, 2001, in a non-fiction picture book format for young children. At the beginning, the world is depicted to be very big, round, and peaceful. But, then it explains that bad things sometimes happen, such as the terrorist attack on 9-11, since people act in mean ways and purposely hurt each other. Afterwards, the book mentions ways in which individuals can help the world; these include sharing, playing, laughing, taking care of the Earth, and being kind towards one another. Teachers who want to mark the anniversary of the tragedy with their students can benefit from this book. Also, the book would be useful to stir dialogue regarding any violent act.

1. **“Smart About the Fifty States”**

By: Jon Buller, Susan Schade, Maryann Cocca-Leffler, Joan Holub, True Kelley, and Dana Regan

This book is an example of non-fiction. Kids created it. Each page highlights a different state in the United States. The book shows the names of the states, their nicknames, and their capitals. Also, there are diagrams and random fun facts. For example, the book states that peanut butter was born in Georgia. In addition, there is a typed paragraph on each page that thoroughly explains the identified state.

1. **The Little Man in the Map: With Clues to Remember all 50 States”**

By: E. Andrew Martonyi

This book is an example of fantasy. When asked by their teacher to find clues for memorizing all fifty states, students begin to look at the shapes of states. They see a hat, shirt, pair of pants, and boots and notice that the four states form the outline of a man, whom they nickname The Little Man in the Map (MIM). The kids bring MIM to life through their imaginations, and together they learn each state’s role in its’ region and how it interacts with those states around it. This book consists of creative verse and associations to help kids locate and name all fifty states, and never forget them.

1. **“The Scrambled States of America”**

By: Laurie Keller

This is a silly book that is an example of fantasy. Kansas complains to Nebraska that as states, they just sit in the middle of the country and never GO anywhere, never DO anything, and NEVER meet any NEW states. As a result, they throw a potluck party and all the states decide to switch places. However, the new arrangement doesn't feel right and states return home. This book is an engaging and comical way for children to learn the 50 states and their locations on a map.